

generating means is connected to the trigger.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the second signals means comprises a light barrier positioned to intersect a document moving along the path.

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, further comprising a monoflop connected to the output of the trigger.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the means for generating the first signal comprises a selective amplifier and a rectifier.

42. The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a micro-controller connected to the means for generating the first signal and comprising means for storing reference signals representative of the identity of the document and for comparing the first signal against the reference signal.

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#### Remarks

Applicants' originally filed claims 9-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as having allegedly been directed to non-statutory subject matter and, under section 112, second paragraph, of the same code, for an alleged failure particularly to have pointed out and distinctly claimed the subject matter regarded by them as their invention.

Moreover, all of Applicants' originally presented 21 claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

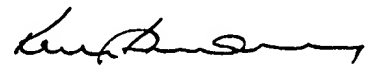
Applicant's specification was found to be objectionable for failure in its description of the drawings to include a description of Fig. 10.

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With a view to avoiding the objections against the claims, Applicants have canceled their original twenty-one (21) claims and are submitting herewith twenty-one (21) new claims which are believed to be in conformity with U.S. prosecution practice as at present understood. The specification has been amended not only by including a reference to, and a brief description of, Fig. 10, but also by a number of other editorial changes believed to remove what may otherwise render the description ambiguous. No new matter has been added to Applicants' original disclosure as a result of the amendments to the specification. At the Examiner's request, Applicants would be pleased to submit a fresh copy of their specification including the amendments set forth *supra*.

As it is believed that, as amended, the defined invention is patentably distinct from any prior art known to Applicants it is earnestly urged that the application is in condition for allowance which is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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